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The Klamath National Forest - Scott Valley Heli-base has been Upgraded

Thanks to three million dollars of funding from ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act), or the federal stimulus fund, the Scott Valley Heli-base has been remodeled and expanded. The heli-base is located at the Scott Valley municipal airport, owned by Siskiyou County. Part of the airport and the entire heli-base are under a long-term lease to the Klamath National Forest to operate as a base for contract helicopters and to accommodate a helicopter rappelling crew and all of the necessary support equipment. A 2,000 square foot, nine-person barracks, a 3,700 square foot, office facility and control center, and a 1,800 square foot, garage/warehouse to support the helicopter and rappelling crew have been constructed.

Personnel and a Bell 205 ++ helicopter are planning to move in during the week of June 25th. This facility and rappelling crew are one of only two in the state of California. The base operates June 1, through September 30th, during the peak period of the fire season. The medium-lift helicopter is primarily used to transport fire fighters to remote locations to suppress wildland fire. CAL FIRE will also utilize the helicopter, crew and support equipment for fire suppression activities.

Three modular trailers and a storage building were demolished to accommodate the new construction. As much as possible, local contractors, materials, and labor were utilized to construct this facility. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, heating/cooling contractors, pavers, roofers, painters, and many other building trades were hired locally to help with the remodeling of the heli-base. “A significant number of local person-hours were employed to successfully upgrade the Scott Valley Heli-base and this facility represents an excellent use of stimulus funds”, said Ken Stagg, Klamath National Forest Engineer, who was overseeing the entire project. All buildings were constructed using energy-efficient “green” standards required by the State of California, which are the most stringent in the country.



Scott Valley Heli-base office, command center, and practice rappelling tower



Scott Valley Heli-base 9-person barracks